

## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

### **N.J. OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & PREPAREDNESS**

#### **Notice of Availability of Funds**

The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) announces a \$4,100,000 competitive grant program funded under the SFY10 OHSP State Aid Grant Fund account entitled the **Canine-Air-Rail-Shopping Malls-E Program (CARS-E)**.

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.5, the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) will publish the Notice of Availability of Funds (NOAF) required by N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 on its website

<http://www.state.nj.us/njhomelandsecurity/grants/2010.html> including grant availability and application information for the following CARS-E Competitive Grant Program:

#### **SFY 10 Canine-Air-Rail-Shopping Malls (CARS-E)**

**Purpose:** Funding must be used in support of investments that reflect a comprehensive approach to homeland security and emergency preparedness.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

The Canine-Air-Rail-Shopping Malls-E Competitive Grant Program is being offered to:

- County and municipal law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement jurisdiction for commercial malls, and/or passenger rail stations, and/or general aviation airports.
- County emergency management agencies for regional planning efforts that link critical infrastructure or major business owners and operators into existing emergency operations plans (EOP) addressing U.S. Department of Homeland Security planning scenarios.

Municipal and county law enforcement agencies and emergency management offices within the following 14 counties are eligible to apply for this competitive funding:

Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem, Somerset, Sussex and Warren

**Project Focus Areas:** Identified below are the specific projects focus areas with the funding levels initially allocated to each. OHSP may adjust the amounts between focus areas as well as the number of projects dependent on the number and type of submittals received. Project funding requests can be submitted to the OHSP consistent with the following five (5) program areas:

\$1,200,000 is to be allocated to municipal and county law enforcement agencies (the primary responsible law enforcement jurisdiction organization – RJO) that have passenger rail stations within their jurisdiction. The RJO can utilize this funding to support the cost of purchasing CCTV systems (the feed must tie back to the RJO) for surveillance purposes, dedicated officer patrol time (up to \$30,000 per applicant), attending behavioral (B.A.S.S.) assessment training, and public media awareness efforts (handouts, tip line information, etc). Applicants can apply for up to \$300,000. The OHSP anticipates making a minimum of three (3) awards. The RJO must clearly demonstrate that their project is being implemented as a partnership with the New Jersey Transit.

\$350,000 is to be allocated to municipal and county law enforcement agencies to support the purchase of explosive detecting canines. Municipal and county law enforcement agencies can apply for up to \$50,000. The OHSP anticipates making a minimum of seven (7) awards. Funding is to support the cost of the canine, canine response vehicle, start up equipment and supplies. All applicants must agree to attend the 16 week New Jersey State Police Canine Scent Detection Class. Upon successful completion of this training, the law enforcement agency must agree to become a full member and partner of the N.J. Detect and Render Safe Task Force and sign onto a Memorandum of Understanding.

\$1,000,000 is to be allocated to municipal and county law enforcement agencies (the primary law enforcement responsible jurisdiction organization – RJO) that have a commercial mall (equal to or greater than 850,000 square feet) within their jurisdiction. The RJO can apply for up to \$300,000. The OHSP anticipates making a minimum of three (3) awards. The RJO can utilize this funding to support the cost of purchasing CCTV systems (the feed must tie back to the RJO), dedicated officer patrol time (up to \$30,000 per applicant), attending behavioral (BASS) training, perimeter security measures such as bollards/planters, etc. Applicants must clearly demonstrate that their project is being implemented as a mall/police department partnership

\$650,000 is to be allocated to municipal and county law enforcement agencies (the primary law enforcement responsible jurisdiction organization – RJO) that have a General Aviation airport within their jurisdiction. The RJO can apply for up to \$250,000. The OHSP anticipates making a minimum of two (2) awards. The RJO can utilize this funding to support accountability, access control, CCTV, perimeter security and portable handheld radios for airport operational staff that are interoperable to RJO. The RJO must clearly demonstrate that their project is being implemented as an airport/police department partnership.

\$900,000 is to be allocated to county emergency management agencies. County OEMs within the aforementioned 14 counties can apply for up to \$150,000. The OHSP anticipates making a minimum of six (6) awards. The County OEM can utilize this funding to support the development of operational annexes for existing county Emergency Operations Plans. The annexes must provide detailed operational links to key critical infrastructure and large businesses within a county or those that are critical to any recovery effort in the county. Operational

annexes must incorporate corporate recovery efforts as it relates to the overall economic recovery of a county; operational requirements of county resources to address business recovery critical to communities; and, developing operational plans for business support for the overall county for an overall recovery. Funding can be used for contractor planning costs associated with developing the operational annexes, offsetting existing full-time and part-time staff time/effort dedicated to developing operational annexes, and meeting expenses directly related to developing operational annexes.

**Application Requirements:** Specific details as outlined below will be made available on the OHSP grant website <http://www.state.nj.us/njhomelandsecurity/grants/2010.html>. This site will contain the following information:

- A. Procedures for eligible organizations to apply for grant funds.
- B. These grant funds will be administered on a reimbursement basis and will require the selected subgrantees to submit documentation (paid invoices or canceled checks) prior to receiving reimbursement under the grant program.
- C. The OHSP anticipates making a minimum of 21 awards under this funding opportunity.
- D. If selected to be funded, the performance period associated with these grant funds will be twenty four (24) months.
- E. The deadline for applications to be electronically submitted to OHSP is April 26, 2010. The awards will be announced on May 31, 2010.
- F. A cash or in-kind cost share, although not required, will be utilized as one of the grant application scoring criteria.
- G. Additional information concerning this grant opportunity can be directed to OHSP Grant and Program Management Chief Steven Talpas at (609) 584-4428.